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Residents of the Model City Area

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Our Model City Program works like this. Government and private funds are allocated to the city to set up an agency to attack the physical, social and economic problems of a selected area. The Model City Administration then works with us in the community to set up planning procedure and policy making. By the end of five years, it's hoped the community can carry on many of the projects independently.

The overall goal of the program is to improve life in the Neighborhood and meet the community's physical needs--for education, counseling and referral services, health services, economic development, manpower, justice, adequate recreation and cultural opportunities.

The Model Neighborhood encompasses the Roxbury-North Dorchester area (excluding Washington Park), Franklin Park and bordering parts of Jamaica Plain and Dorchester. The Model City is bounded on the east and west by the midland branch and main line of the New York and New Haven Railroad, on the north by the SouthEnd Urban Renewal Project, and on the south by large non-residential land uses such as the Forest Hills Cemetery and Boston State Hospital.

Who runs the Model City Program? Structurally two groups are involved in the policy making and implementation of the program--the Model Neighborhood Board and the Model City Administration.

Now--how can you participate? Find out what is going on in your community and help the Neighborhood Board in its planning.

The Model Neighborhood is divided into six areas, each of them is represented by three board members. The areas hold meetings regularly during which they discuss possible programs. You can go to these meetings and take your friends.

You can also contact your area representative and volunteer to help organize the community. For further information about this, call the Neighborhood Board, 333 Dudley Street, Telephone 427-3393 or call Model City Administration at 2401 Washington Street, 442-6602 ext. 32.

The Board consists of 18 residents elected by the community to serve two-year terms. By holding meetings and community organization, they learn what we want and tell the Administration about it. The Administration in turn provides the technical know-how to plan the programs and staff them.

The main idea of the program is to develop a way for a government to be more responsive to the needs of the community.

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In the first year, the program hopes to accomplish the following:

Health Centers in three of the six Model City areas.

The establishment of the Community Development Corporation to operate home services, tenant services and help to start businesses.

Preparation of a Neighborhood Development Plan plus pilot rehabilitation of 100 dwelling units.

Job training and job counseling.

A four year college for community residents which offers degrees granted by major Boston area colleges.

Adult education centers offering courses in Afro-American History, basic skills and other subjects of community interest.

Organization of the youth in the area plus youth oriented programs.

Educational assistance for persons wanting to become policemen, plus an information campaign to improve police-community relations.

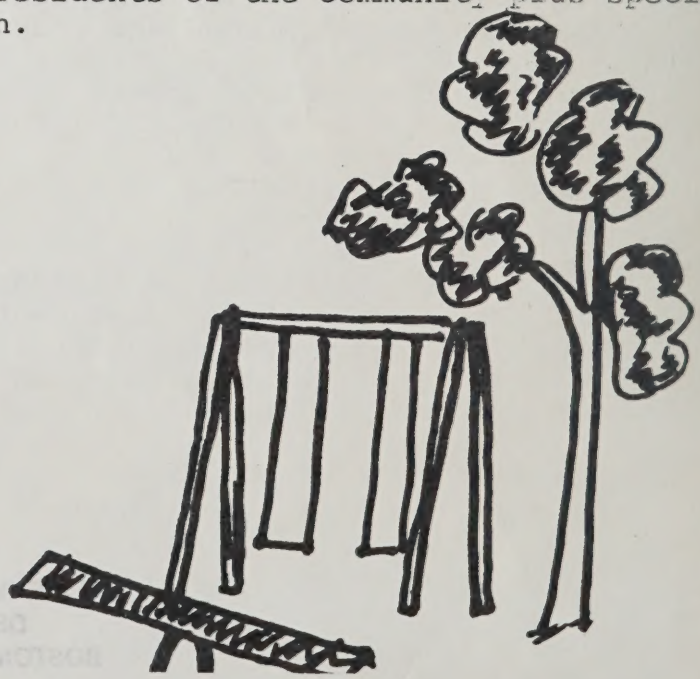
An educational center and possible a rest home for the elderly.

A half-way house to assist drug addicts in rehabilitation.

A study of park conditions and better maintenance of them.

Twenty tot lots.

Recreational programs for all residents of the community plus special programs for children and youth.



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It's important to us that you realize the Model City is an experiment in better city management. We want to produce a model of community-city participation.

The program differs from traditional redevelopment programs in that it attacks every problem in the Neighborhood, coordinating and relating the problems to each other. (For example, it will not merely build new facilities and supply nurses to improve the community's health but it will also study how poor housing is causing health problems). But most of all Boston's Model City Program differs from other programs in that it's not to be run by persons outside the community but to be run by us. It's up to us to help determine policy, to plan and to work for a Model Neighborhood. After all, we live here.

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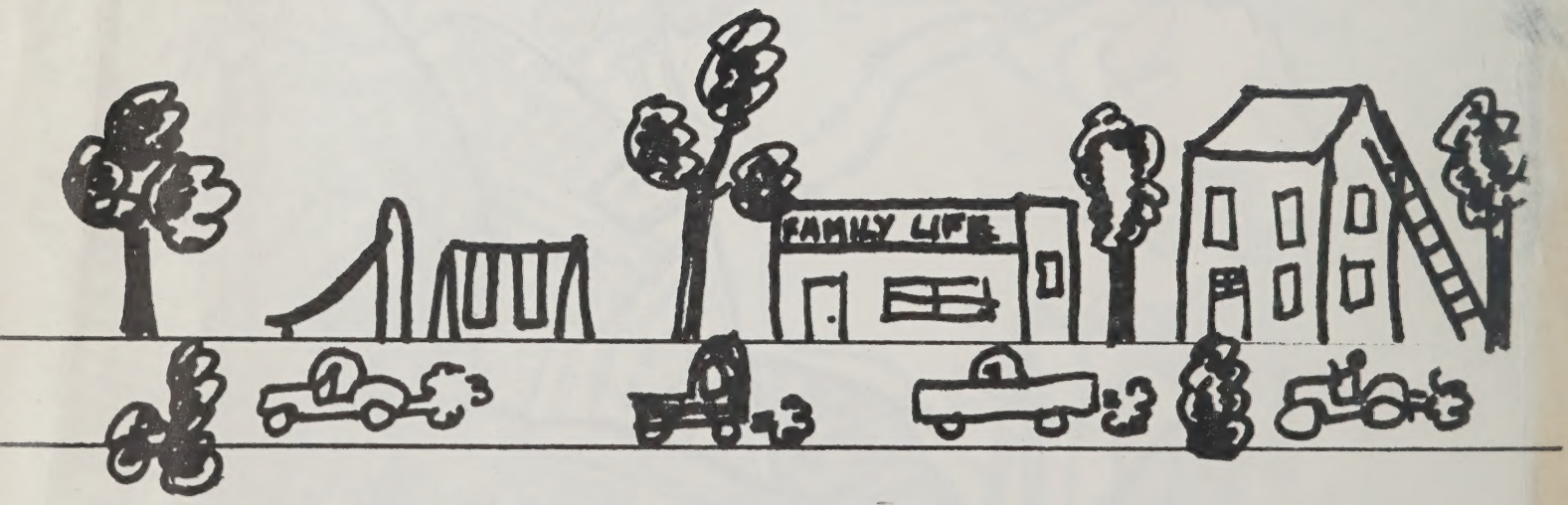

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